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To the Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2009, the time period for response thereto being set to expire December 4, 2009, by virtue of the Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time filed herewith, Applicants request favorable reconsideration in view of the following amendment, accompanying remarks, and Request for Continued Examination filed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Applicants' Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination is submitted herewith.

A Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith.